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SUBMISSION OF FOREIGN OFFICIAL LETTER

Sir:

Applicants request that the enclosed Official Letter (and English translation thereof) that was issued in a Chinese counterpart application be placed in the official file of this application.

U.S. Patent No. 6,142,618, which is cited in the Official Letter, was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of August 13, 2003, and therefore is not being submitted herewith.

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